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1. SOVIET PRESS CRITICISM OF FEG OVER ESTABLISHMENT OF
FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY HAS PARALLELED RHYTHM OF GDR
INTERFERENCE ON TRANSIT ROUTES, DWINDLING SIGNIFICANTLY
OVER WEEKEND.

2. PRAVDA AUGUST 1 RAN A COMMENTARY CALLING THE BUNDESTAG
ACTION "IN DIRECT CONTRADICTION" TO THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT
AND CITING THE SOVIET MFA STATEMENT OF JULY 20. THE NEXT DAY
(AUGUST 2) PRAVDA FRONT-PAGED A TASS STORY FROM BERLIN WHICH -
CITING THE ADN STATEMENT - CALLED THE FRG MOVE A "VIOLATION"
OF THE QA AND NOTED WITH STATISTICS THAT GDR MEASURES ON THE
TRANSIT ROUTES HAD NOT IMPEDED TRANSIT. IZVESTIYA, THE NIGHT
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OF AUGUST 2, PICKED UP THE STATEMENT BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY

IN BERLIN THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEA IS A "STEP TOWARD VIOLATION" OF THE QA.

3. THE WEEKEND PRESS WAS VIRTUALLY DEVOID OF REFERENCES TO THE FEA, AS WAS PRAVDA ON AUGUST 5. AT LEAST IN PUBLIC, THE SOVIETS SEEM TO FEEL THEY HAVE MADE THEIR POINT.

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